



# State of Maine

## BOARD OF COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Application information to assist in completing your application. This information is not designed to include all information on laws and rules and it is strongly recommended that you review applicable laws and rules.

### **Reinstatement of Acupuncturist License**

***and optional***

### **Certificate for Custom-made Chinese Herbal Formulations**

*Do not* return the following informational pages with your application; it is for your information only

Department of Professional and Financial Regulation  
Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
(Mailing address) 35 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333  
(Office location) Gardiner Annex, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine 04345

Office Direct Line (207) 624-8689 or Main Receptionist (207) 624-8603

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

### **REINSTATEMENT OF ACUPUNCTURIST LICENSE & CUSTOM-MADE CHINESE HERBAL FORMULATIONS CERTIFICATE**

Information checklist for documents to be submitted to the Board in one package at time of application. (This is an abbreviated checklist and does not replace the requirements outlined in the Complementary Health Care Providers Laws and Rules. Please review them carefully for more detailed and clarifying information.)

**Fax submissions of applications and supporting documentation will not be accepted.**

***One of the Two methods described below may be used to achieve licensure:***

#### **Method #1 -- CHAPTER 3.1 Applying With Baccalaureate Degree**

- ☐ Baccalaureate Degree;
- ☐ Official Acupuncture School Transcript of 1,000 acupuncture classroom hours;
- ☐ Official verification of 300 acupuncture hours of clinical experience; and
- ☐ Official copy of the NCCAOM Certification.

#### **Method #2 -- CHAPTER 3.2 Applying As Registered Nurse Or Physician's Assistant**

- ☐ Verification of Licensure as Registered Professional Nurse, or
- ☐ Verification of Completion of Training Program and Examination as Physician's Assistant, and
- ☐ Official Acupuncture School Transcript of 1,000 acupuncture classroom hours
- ☐ Official verification of 300 acupuncture hours of clinical experience
- ☐ Official copy of the NCCAOM Certification

### **CUSTOM-MADE CHINESE HERBAL FORMULATIONS**

*You may apply for certification by using at least one of the following methods. Please refer to the law and board rules for more detailed information.*

- ☐ Method 1 - NCCAOM Certification with Chinese Herbology; OR
- ☐ Method 2 - Master's Degree or Equivalent; OR
- ☐ Method 3 - Herb Certificate Training Program

If you wish to also apply for the Custom-Made Chinese Herbal Certification, please complete the appropriate application. **You must hold a valid Maine Acupuncture license to be eligible for this certification.**

❑ **Completed Application**

Complete, sign the application and submit with the appropriate fees and documentation.

❑ **Proof of age**

A copy of your official birth certificate or other official legal document is acceptable.

❑ **Any other supporting documentation such as: verification of licensure or criminal conviction information**

Submit verification from every state in which you currently hold or have ever held any type of professional license (except Maine).

Court judgment and decision of any criminal conviction and a written statement regarding the crime.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

As an Acupuncturist you will be required to satisfy the Continuing Education requirements identified in Chapter 5 of the Board's rules. Please be sure to review this chapter carefully.

**INITIAL EACH PAGE OF YOUR APPLICATION WHERE NOTED.** Be sure to initial the bottom of each page where noted on your application. This is critical to insuring that each page of your application is intact with the correlating application and will help us with expediting your application review.

The Board of Complementary Health Care Providers requires that all supporting documents and fees be submitted with the filing of your application. **Your application will be considered incomplete and will be returned if supporting documents and/or fees are omitted.** Documents that have been modified or altered in any way will not be accepted.

## **PROCESSING TIME**

- ✓ Your application has a greater chance of being processed expeditiously if it is complete and all supporting documents are attached. Action on this application is posted to the web in real time. Please visit our website if you wish to monitor progress. If the status appears as Pending, this means that your application was received by this office and it is pending or under review. Once reviewed and if everything about your application is complete and complies with requirements, the authority to administer will be issued and the status will show as ACTIVE. If incomplete and a letter is being sent to you, the letter will be available for you to see online.
- ✓ Please refrain from calling our office to “check” on your application as these calls only serve to slow our ability to review and process applications. Information regarding the status of applications may be found at the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation's website [www.maine.gov/professionallicensing](http://www.maine.gov/professionallicensing). We appreciate your thoughtful attention to this request.
- ✓ Once your license is issued it is immediately visible online with an “active” status. Licenses are printed off site and require at least 14 business days for delivery.
- ✓ The application process must be complete within 90 days of submission or application and supporting materials will be invalid pursuant to Board Rule Chapter 3, 1-B.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Where do I send my application?** Our mailing address is 35 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0035
- **Where are you located?** 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine.
- **What hours are you open?** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays
- **Can I come to Gardiner to drop off my application?** Yes. You will not leave with a license, though.
- **Can I come to Gardiner to pick up my license?** No. Your license will be mailed to you.
- **How long does it take to process an application?** You can check our website: [www.maine.gov/professionallicensing](http://www.maine.gov/professionallicensing). Your license will show up as PENDING at first; as soon as your status is ACTIVE you are authorized to practice.
- **How far back do I go answering the criminal question?** Any conviction, ever.

### NOTICES

**BACKGROUND CHECK:** Pursuant to 5 MRS §5301 - 5303, the State of Maine is granted the authority to take into consideration an applicant's criminal history record. The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation requires a criminal history records check as part of the application process for all applicants.

**PUBLIC RECORD:** This application is a public record for purposes of the Maine Freedom of Access Law (1 MRS §401 et seq). Public records must be made available to any person upon request. This application for licensure is a public record and information supplied as part of the application (other than social security number and credit card information) is public information. Other licensing records to which this information may later be transferred will also be considered public records. Names, license numbers and mailing addresses listed on or submitted as part of this application will be available to the public and may be posted on our website.

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** The following statement is made pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974. Disclosure of your Social Security Number is mandatory. Solicitation of your Social Security Number is solely for tax administration purposes, pursuant to 36 MRS §175 as authorized by the Tax Reform Act of 1975 (42 USC §405(c)(2)(C)(i)). Your Social Security Number will be disclosed to the State Tax Assessor or an authorized agent for use in determining filing obligations and tax liability pursuant to Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes. No further use will be made of your Social Security Number and it shall be treated as confidential tax information pursuant to 36 MRS §191.

#### Before you seal the envelope, did you:

- Complete every item on the application (incomplete applications may be returned)
- Answer the criminal background disclosure questions
- Sign and date your application
- Include correct amount (payable to Maine State Treasurer) or credit card information (plus signature)
- Include any required transcripts or exam results
- Make a copy of your application to keep for your records
- DO NOT SEND CASH.



**STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL  
AND FINANCIAL REGULATION  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION  
INDIVIDUAL LICENSE APPLICATION**

APPLICANT INFORMATION (please print)				
FULL LEGAL NAME		<i>FIRST</i>	<i>MIDDLE INITIAL</i>	<i>LAST</i>
ANY OTHER NAMES EVER USED:				
DATE OF BIRTH		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		
<i>mm / dd / yyyy</i>		- -		
MAILING ADDRESS				
CITY		STATE	ZIP	COUNTY
PHONE # ( )		FAX # ( )	E-MAIL	
<b>CRIMINAL BACKGROUND DISCLOSURE</b>				
<i>NOTE: Failure to disclose criminal convictions may result in denial, fines, suspension and/or revocation of a license.</i>				
<b>1. Have you ever been convicted by any court of any crime? (circle one)</b> <b>NO</b> <b>YES</b>				
If yes, enclose a detailed description of what happened (including dates) and a copy of the court judgment.				
<b>2. Has any jurisdiction taken disciplinary action against any professional license you hold or have held, or denied your application for licensure? (circle one)</b> <b>NO</b> <b>YES</b>				
If yes, enclose a detailed explanation and copies of all documents.				
By my signature, I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. By submitting this application, I affirm that the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation will rely upon this information for issuance of my license and that this information is truthful and factual. I also understand that sanctions may be imposed including denial, fines, suspension or revocation of my license if this information is found to be false.				
<b>SIGNATURE</b>		<b>DATE</b>		

<b>Board of Complementary Health Care Providers</b>			
<b>Acupuncturist License Reinstatement</b>			
<b>Required Fee: \$341.00</b>			
(includes application, license and criminal records check fee)			
<b>With Custom-Made Chinese Herbal Formulation Certification Reinstatement</b>			
<b>Required Fee: \$441.00</b>			
(includes license and late fee)			
<b>FOR LICENSES THAT HAVE EXPIRED 91 DAYS UP TO 2 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRATION.</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> ACUPUNCTURIST (AC1427)		<input type="checkbox"/> CUSTOM-MADE CHINESE HERBAL FORMULATION (CMH427)	
<i>Office Use Only:</i>			
AC	1427 - \$195.00	CMH	1427 - \$50.00
AC	2090 - \$50.00	CMH	2090 - \$50.00
	1446 - \$75.00		
	2619 - \$21.00		
		<i>Office Use Only:</i>	
		Check # _____	
		Amount: _____	
		Cash # _____	
		Lic. # _____	
		Issue Date _____	
		Exp. Date _____	

<b>PAYMENT OPTIONS:</b>				
Make checks payable to "Maine State Treasurer" - If you wish to pay by Mastercard or Visa, fill out the following:				
NAME OF CARDHOLDER (please print)		<i>FIRST</i>	<i>MIDDLE INITIAL</i>	<i>LAST</i>
I authorize the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation to charge my <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD      the following amount: \$ _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that fees are non-refundable				
Card number:		Expiration Date		
<i>XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX</i>		<i>mm / yyyy</i>		
<b>SIGNATURE</b>		<b>DATE</b>		

## **SECTION 1: EDUCATION**

Please check all that apply:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baccalaureate Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> NCCAOM Certification Acupuncture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> NCCAOM Certification Chinese Herbs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> Other describe: _____	
Name of Educational Provider		Date of Graduation
Contact Address: _____ Street or P.O. Box _____		
City	State	Zip Code
Official transcript demonstrating your education must be submitted with your application.		

## **SECTION 2: LIST BELOW EVERY JURISDICTION IN WHICH YOU HOLD OR HAVE EVER HELD A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE.**

1. State, Territory, Country	License Number/ Type	Date Issued	Expiration Date
2. State, Territory, Country	License Number/ Type	Date Issued	Expiration Date
3. State, Territory, Country	License Number/ Type	Date Issued	Expiration Date
For each of the above, you must submit with this application an official Verification of Licensure from the licensing jurisdiction. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> Applications submitted without a Verification of Licensure from the licensing jurisdiction(s) for each of the above will not be accepted and your application returned as incomplete.			

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**SECTION 3: EXAMINATION:**

<p>Have you ever taken an NCCAOM examination?</p> <p>If yes, list the jurisdiction(s) where you took the examination, type of examination, date of examination and score:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Jurisdiction</th><th>Examination Type</th><th>Date</th><th>Score</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></tbody></table>	Jurisdiction	Examination Type	Date	Score													<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Jurisdiction	Examination Type	Date	Score														

**SECTION 4: CHECK APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW. ANY YES RESPONSE MUST BE FULLY EXPLAINED BY WRITTEN STATEMENT ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, SIGNED AND DATED, AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

<p>Have hospital or similar health care institution privileges ever been denied or suspended, restricted or withdrawn involuntarily; or have you ever voluntarily surrendered privileges or resigned from staff membership while under peer review?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you ever received a sanction from Medicare or from a state Medicaid program?</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid Program (State) _____</p> <p>2. Submit a copy of the official action by the entity.</p> <p>3. Provide a detailed explanation in your own words on a separate sheet of paper.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

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## **SECTION 5: Custom-Made Chinese Herbal Certification**

This section to be completed only if you are applying for Custom-Made Chinese Herbal Certification. Please check the box to describe the method by which you are applying for certification to practice Custom-Made Chinese Herbal Formulations.

☐ **Method #1** **NCCAOM Certification with Chinese Herbology**

An official copy of the NCCAOM Certification must accompany this application.

☐ **Method #2** **Education**

Check one: ☐ Master's Degree or ☐ Master's-level professional program in Oriental Medicine

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

Degree Granted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

At the time of completion was this institution:

☐ Accredited by ACAOM OR ☐ In candidacy for accreditation by ACAOM

☐ **Method #3** **Herb Certificate Training Program**

Have you completed an herb certificate training program that consisted of a minimum of 450 hours of combined didactic instruction in herbs and herbal clinical training?

☐ YES

☐ NO

At the time of completion was this certificate training program:

☐ Accredited by ACAOM or ☐ In candidacy for accreditation by ACAOM

Name of Certificate Training Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

Date Certificate Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SECTION 6: NOTICES**

### **Please Note:**

Pursuant to 10 MRS §8003-G - any change in name, address, email address, criminal convictions, disciplinary actions, or any material change set forth in your original application for licensure must be reported to the Office within 10 days.

You can access this Law for your review at:

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/10/title10ch901sec0.html>

## **SECTION 7: APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

Read the statement below and sign where indicated as your certification of the information provided on this application. Applications that are incomplete, altered (including use of any white out), defaced, or compromised will not be accepted and will be returned. This includes, but is not limited to, unanswered questions, lack of appropriate signature, information is illegible, missing required supporting documents, and/or missing or wrong fee.

By my signature, I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. By submitting this application I understand that the Maine Board of Complementary Health Care Providers will rely upon this information for issuance of my license and that this information is truthful and factual. I further understand that sanctions may be imposed, including denial, suspension or revocation of my license, if this information is found to be false.

Printed Name of Applicant	Title
Signature of Applicant	Date
	